

DIRECTORY OF WATERSHED GROUPS (June 2008)

(Note: List is alphabetized by County and by creek or watershed name within each County)

EAST BAY SUBREGION (ALAMEDA AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES)

Note that every effort has been made to include correct contact information and up to date information about groups and projects. However, as these constantly change, we welcome your corrections, comments and changes. If you have information updating these listings, please call or email Dale Hopkins, 510.622.2362; dhopkins@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Alameda	Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, Sunol, Fremont, Union City, and Newark and County	Alameda Creek Includes: Arroyo de la Laguna, Arroyo del Valle, Arroyo Mocho, Sinbad Creek, and Stonybrook Creek	Alameda Creek Alliance	Non-profit community watershed group dedicated to protecting and restoring the natural ecosystems of the Alameda Creek watershed	Jeff Miller Phone: (510) 499-9185 alamedacreek@hotmail.com http://www.alamedacreek.org	A number of fish passage projects in the greater watershed, including removal of Niles and Sunol Dams by the SFPUC; conceptual designs for removal of temporary dams by Alameda County Water District
Alameda	Livermore, Pleasanton, County	Arroyo Mocho, Arroyo Las Positas, Arroyo Seco, Arroyo del Valle, Arroyo de la Laguna.	Friends of the Arroyos: Livermore-Amador Valley	Volunteer community group working to preserve and restore steelhead migration through the Arroyos to Alameda Creek	Louann Tung lstung@pacbell.net 925-455-8823 Norcal7@gmail.com	Native plant demonstration garden on Holmes St. near Stanley in Livermore
Alameda	Oakland	Arroyo Viejo	Arroyo Viejo Watershed Program	Outreach and education; restoration. Supported by the Watershed Project, Alameda County and the City of Oakland.	The Watershed Project 510-665-3508 www.thewatershedproject.org Yahoo Group "ArroyoViejoCreekKeepers"	Arroyo Viejo Park – City restoration project on Krause Ave. near Hegenberger. Oakland Zoo creek restoration project. Native plant nursery, after school program, MLK Day National Day of Service
Alameda	Oakland	Arroyo Viejo	Friends of Arroyo Viejo Creek		Sandra Marburg 510-635-4465	
Alameda	Alameda	Capistrano Creek	Friends of Capistrano Creek	Neighborhood group working on a plan to restore flows.	Roger Moss 510-525-7570 moss94707@comcast.net	

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Alameda	El Cerrito	Cerrito Creek (inc. Blackberry & Middle Creeks)	Friends of Five Creeks; see Alameda/Contra Costa entry below			
Alameda	Albany and Berkeley	Codornices Creek	Friends of Five Creeks, see Alameda/Contra Costa entry below			
Alameda	Albany and Berkeley	Codornices Creek	Codornices Creek Watershed Council	Recently formed watershed council for Codornices Creek under auspices of Urban Creeks Council.	Pam Boyle pboyle@gmail.com www.codornicescreekwatershed.org/	Prop 13 grant to Urban Creeks Council for implementing Codornices Creek Action Plan.
Alameda	Berkeley	Codornices Creek	Live Oak/ Codornices Creek Neighborhood Association (LOCCNA)	Neighborhood group in North Berkeley, Live Oak Park area, organized around Beth-El parking expansion and creek protection issues	Alan Gould, 510-848-4465 agould@home.com http://www.Locna.katz.com/creek/creek.html	
Alameda	San Leandro	Crow Creek (tributary of San Lorenzo Creek)	Friends of Crow Creek		Matt Turner mailturner@yahoo.com	
Alameda	Oakland	Glen Echo Creek	Piedmont Avenue Neighborhood Improvement League	Association of residents in Oakland, membership organization with steering committee and 7 standing committees	Valerie Winemiller, 510-653-4552 vwinemiller@hotmail.com http://www.panil.org Arleen Feng, Alameda County Public Works 510-670-5575 Arleen@acpwa.org	Stewards of Glen Echo Park on Monte Vista Ave. Creek committee carries out biweekly cleanups under auspices of City of Oakland Watershed Improvement Program
Alameda	Oakland	Harwood Creek (Aka Claremont Creek) See also Temescal Creek	Kids for the Bay	Hands-on, environmental science program for elementary school children	Mandi Billinge 510-985-1602 http://kidsforthebay.org/	
Alameda	Oakland	Lion Creek (Aka Leona Creek), includes Chimes Creek (aka Millsmont Creek) and Horseshoe Creek.	Friends of Two Creeks: East Bay Watershed Center		Robin Freeman 510-434-3841 ecomeritt@peralta.edu http://www.merritt.edu/ www.chimescreek.org	

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Alameda	Castro Valley	Palomares Creek (tributary of San Lorenzo Creek)	Friends of Palomares Creek	To restore Palomares Creek and provide an educational resource for local schools.	Kimberly Pratt Cabello Elementary School kimberly_pratt@nhusd.k12.ca.us	Cooperative projects with Palomares Elementary School, Alameda County RCD, The Watershed Project
Alameda	Oakland	Peralta Creek	Butters Land Trust	A non-profit corporation whose mission is to preserve land along Peralta Creek in Butters Canyon through purchase or conservation easements.	Jesse Roseman 510-601-6727 ecoallways@hotmail.com www.butterslandtrust.org	Cleanup events, work with Friends of the Last Wild Canyon. Currently working on a restoration design with Restoration Design Group of Berkeley.
Alameda	San Leandro	San Leandro Creek	Friends of San Leandro Creek	Community group made up of dedicated citizens, students, and businesses	Laurey Hemingway laureyh@fslc.org www.fslc.org	Includes watershed awareness program, creek guides, watershed festival, and outreach.
Alameda	San Leandro, Hayward	San Lorenzo Creek	Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program		Emmanuel Da Costa 510-670-6479 mannyd@acpwa.mail.co.alameda.ca.us Paul Modrell 510-670-5248 paulm@acpwa.org www.cleanwaterprogram.com/residents_home.htm	Projects include bank stabilization, eucalyptus removal, native plant propagation and planting. Issues of steelhead passage.
Alameda	San Leandro, Hayward, County	San Lorenzo Creek	Friends of San Lorenzo Creek	Non-profit group founded in 2002 to promote creek restoration, creek cleanups, advocacy for creek ordinance and policies.	Howard Beckman 510-278-7238 hpb@netvista.net www.friendsofsanlorenzocreek.org	
Alameda	Oakland	Sausal Creek (aka Dimond Creek), includes Palo Seco Creek and Shepard Creek	Friends of Sausal Creek	Very active community group begun under auspices of The Watershed Project. Members include residents, teachers, elected official, merchants, students. Governed by Board of Directors, paid coordinator.	Sara Marcellino, Coordinator 510-501-3672 coordinator@sausalcreek.org Kathren Murell Stevenson, Restoration Program Director 510-388-5676 kathren@gmail.com http://www.sausalcreek.org/	Nursery for native plant propagation, Dimond Park restoration project, Dimond Park native plant garden. 2006 Prop 40 WS Management Grant for assessment of urban watershed to guide long-term restoration. Includes sediment assessment, hydrologic analysis, restoration plan and designs.

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Alameda	Oakland	Sausal Creek	Sausal Creek Environmental Council	City of Oakland is proposing to convene this group to bring together watershed stakeholders in lower watershed including DAC communities.	Sue Piper (Councilmember Jean Quan's office) 510-238-7042 sgpiper@oaklandnet.com	
Alameda	Berkeley	Schoolhouse Creek	Friends of Five Creeks, see Alameda/Contra Costa entry below			
Alameda	Berkeley	Strawberry Creek	Friends of Strawberry Creek	All volunteer group whose mission is to restore, protect and improve Strawberry Creek. Goal is to restore banks and daylight creek wherever possible.	Janet Byron 510-848-4008 info@strawberrycreek.org http://www.strawberrycreek.org	Currently working to restore banks and plant with native vegetation at Strawberry Creek Lodge near Addison Street.
Alameda	Hayward	Sulfur Creek (tributary of San Lorenzo Creek)	Sulfur Creek Nature Center		Mike Koslosky 510-881-6747	
Alameda	Oakland	Temescal Creek Includes Harwood Creek (aka Claremont Creek), Tunnel Creek and Vicente Creek (aka Grandview Creek)	Friends of Temescal Creek	Community organization of Temescal Creek Watershed citizens, businesses and supporting organizations. Some funding from The Watershed Project.	Bruce Douglas 510-434-3840 temcrk@mountaincurrent.net www.temescalcreek.org www.thewatershedproject.org/temescal Thornhill Branch: Margaret Bowman 510-654-1823	Conducts water quality monitoring with Jeff Hargraves. Working on a Baywood trail.
Alameda	Oakland	Temescal Creek	North Hills Phoenix Association; Temescal-Sibley Trails Project	Neighborhood group interested in protecting creek and environs.	John Eastman eastman70sh@comcast.net	Interested in doing water quality monitoring related to proposed Caldicott Tunnel expansion.
Alameda	Hayward	Ward Creek	Friends of Ward Creek Watershed		Steve Murtaugh 510-247-1449 SteveMurtaugh@GreenWoodland.INFO	

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Alameda	Fremont	South Alameda County	Math Science Nucleus	Non-profit educational group that works with City of Fremont, Alameda County Public Works and Fremont School District on science curriculum and hands-on school and community projects.	Joyce Blueford blueford@msnucleus.org http://www.msnucleus.org/watersheds/index.html	Working with Ohlone College, Newark Campus, on designing a "hands-on" watershed restoration certificate using Mowry Slough as their laboratory. Manages Tule Pond Wetlands in Fremont.
Alameda and Contra Costa	Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito	Cerrito Creek, Blackberry Creek, Middle Creek, Marin Creek, Village Creek, Codornices Creek, Schoolhouse Creek, mouth of Strawberry Creek	Friends of Five Creeks	All-volunteer grassroots organization founded 1996 with focus on hands-on restoration, outreach, education, & advocacy.	Susan Schwartz, 510-848-9358 or 510-412-7257 F5Creeks@aol.com http://www.fivecreeks.org	Numerous project sites; volunteers remove invasives, plant natives, propagate natives, control erosion, build trails, install signs & benches, lead walks and other outings, survey, monitor, write & publish information, host public talks.
Contra Costa	Countywide	All Creeks	Contra Costa County Watershed Forum	Consortium of agencies, creek groups and non-profits that work together to develop education and outreach, citizen monitoring, etc. Admin and logistical support from County Community Development Agency	John Kopchick, 925-335-1227 jkopc@cd.co.contra-costa.us Kae Ono, 925-335-1230 kono@cd.co.contra-costa.us http://www.cocowaterweb.org	Has received two Prop 13 grants for Citizen monitoring and creek outreach. Created Contra Costa County Watershed Atlas. Continuing citizen bioassessment monitoring.
Contra Costa	Martinez	Alhambra Creek	Alhambra Creek Environmental Education Collaborative (ACEEC)	Collaborative effort among the City of Martinez , Urban Creeks Council , Martinez Adult and Continuing Education, Friends of Alhambra Creek, National Park Service, Contra Costa RCD and the Muir Heritage Land Trust.		Received funding from DWR and others to do creek restoration projects and outreach program by students at Briones Academy.
Contra Costa	Martinez	Alhambra Creek	Alhambra Creek Watershed Council	Stakeholder group formed in 1997 to develop a watershed plan. Mission is to protect and enhance the health of the watershed.	Mary Grim 925-672-6522 x 110 mary.grim@ca.nacdnet.net http://www.cccrd.org/	Recent projects include the Alhambra Creek Watershed Map and Festival, the Strentzel Lane Flood Reduction Project, and AVCC (see below).

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Contra Costa	Martinez	Alhambra Creek	Alhambra Valley Creek Coalition (AVCC)	Formed in August 2004 as a result of the Strentzel Lane project, a collaborative project to improve stormwater drainage and reduce local flooding. AVCC's goal is to develop a collaborative project that will reduce erosion along the creek and enhance the natural function of the creek. Focus is on one mile stretch between Alhambra Valley Road to Alhambra Ave.	Jamie Menasco (925) 370-1808 avcc@softcom.net	Completed GIS of creek, resident survey, creek survey. Currently seeking funding for one mile stretch of creek restoration from Alhambra Valley Road to Alhambra Ave.
Contra Costa	Martinez	Alhambra Creek	Friends of Alhambra Creek	All volunteer group that brings people and Alhambra Creek together to protect the health of the creek and its surrounding community.	Shirley and Igor Skaredoff, 925-229-1371 friendsofac@california.com	Creek guide, cleanups, creek enhancement plan and creek ordinance, monitoring, restoration including: Pacheco Marsh Restoration, Martinez Wetlands restoration, several Alhambra Creek enhancement projects. Strentzel Lane erosion and sediment reduction project was funded by Prop 13.
Contra Costa	El Cerrito	Baxter Creek Also Stege Creek	Friends of Baxter Creek	Non-profit affiliate of Urban Creeks Council, established in 1997. Community group, works with City of El Cerrito, UCC, and funding partners to do watershed planning, creek restoration projects.	Lisa Owens-Viani 510-237-7968 baxterfriends@hotmail.com http://www.creativedifferences.com/baxtercreek/	City of El Cerrito currently has Prop 13 grant for Baxter Gateway Restoration Program to create a community park. Other projects in WS include Stege Marsh remediation at mouth, restoration at Mira Vista Park, Poinsett Park daylighting (1997), several other projects for greenways and restoration.
Contra Costa	El Sobrante	Garrity Creek	Hilltop Neighborhood Association/ Friends of Garrity Creek	Formed in 2001 to counteract proposed development of artesian springs at head of watershed	Barbara Pendergrass 510-223-6091 hilltopcreek@yahoo.com http://www.geocities.com/hilltopcreek/	The group is working to develop the upper watershed area as "Garrity Springs Regional Park". They also organize volunteer efforts for cleanup.

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Contra Costa	Pittsburg	Kirker Creek	Kirker Creek Watershed Advisory Group	Planning effort sponsored by the Contra Costa RCD. Plan completed in 2004 and implementation begun.	Laura Wright lwright@ci.pittsburg.ca.us or Mitch Schweikert mschweickert@losmedanos.net	Now independent group, meets on an ad-hoc basis to implement projects.
Contra Costa	Pittsburg	Kirker Creek	Partners for the Watershed	A spinoff of the watershed advisory. The mission is to achieve a healthy and sustainable watershed through collaborative, educational efforts that promote community and individual stewardship and responsibility. The Partners receive coordinator support from the RCD.	Laura Wright lwright@ci.pittsburg.ca.us or Mitch Schweikert mschweickert@losmedanos.net	Implements stewardship and environmental education activities under the guidance of the Plan, including: habitat restoration at the Dow Wetlands, GIS mapping, bioassessment, creek cleanups, watershed art and poetry contest
Contra Costa	Lafayette	Lafayette Area Creeks	Friends of Lafayette Creeks		Carl Piercy 925-284-4251 cppier1@earthlink.net	
Contra Costa	Lafayette	Lafayette Creeks	City of Lafayette Creeks Council	To promote preservation and restoration of city creeks and riparian areas, provide public information and discussion, provide educational opportunities	Donna Feehan, 925-934-3908 DFeehan@lovelafayette.org www.ci.lafayette.ca.us Committees and Task Forces – Creeks Committee	
Contra Costa	Clayton, Concord, Concord Naval Weapons Station	Mount Diablo Creek	Friends of Mount Diablo Creek		Linda Ballentine, Contra Costa RCD 925-672-6522 x 118 linda.ballentine@ca.nacdn.net	Contra Costa RCD received Calfed Prop 13 grant to develop a watershed plan for Mt. Diablo Creek. Group has been active in Concord Naval Weapons Station planning process. Final Watershed Plan completed in April 2007.
Contra Costa	Orinda	Orinda Creeks	Friends of Orinda Creeks	Preserve, enhance and restore creeks in town of Orinda.	Cinda MacKinnon 925-253-9690 cinda.mackinnon@comcast.net or Maya Rappaport 925-253-1997 mayarapp@comcast.net	

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Contra Costa	Pinole	Pinole Creek	Pinole Creek Watershed Council		pinolecreek@aoinstitute.org Dr. Joe Mariotti 510-724-1235 Carol Arnold, Contra Costa carol.arnold@ca.nacdnet.net http://www.pinolecreek.org/	Active restoration project involving US Army Corps of Engineers, Friends of Pinole Creek, Contra Costa RCD. Water Board staff have worked with these groups to resolve restoration issues, including constraints due to railroad crossing.
Contra Costa	Richmond	Rheem Creek	Rheem Creek Restoration and Watershed Education Project (Urban Creeks Council)	Goal is to restore approximately 2400 feet of Rheem Creek on Breuner Marsh, 700 feet at Bayview Elementary School, and 1200 feet at Contra Costa College and Rollingwood neighborhood and establish a watershed council.	Josh Bradt Urban Creeks Council 510-540-6669 Josh@urbancreeks.org www.urbancreeks.org	UCC has received a grant (2008) from the Nature Restoration Trust to help restore native riparian habitat on Rheem Creek in the Contra Costa College neighborhood. The Council will establish a Watershed Curriculum at the college and provide stipends to 10 interns to design and install the project.
Contra Costa	Rodeo	Rodeo Creek	Rodeo Creek Vision Planning Group	Consensus-based planning process led by the Contra Costa RCD and Restoration Design Group.	Heidi Petty, CCRCD Watershed Coordinator 925-672-6522 x115 heidi.petty@ca.nacdnet.net	Has developed a Rodeo Creek Watershed Assessment and restoration design for Fernandez Ranch. Monthly meetings and ongoing events.
Contra Costa	Rodeo, Hercules, County	Rodeo and Carquinez Watersheds	Friends of the Rodeo and Carquinez Watersheds		Karin Korda, 415-847-6035 frrcw@earthlink.net friendsofhercules.org	
Contra Costa	San Pablo, Richmond	San Pablo Creek (Includes Bear Creek, Lauterwasser Creek, Castro Ranch Creek, Appian Creek, Wilkie Creek)	San Pablo Watershed Neighbors Education and Restoration Society (SPAWNERS)	Citizen group sponsored and founded by the Watershed Project in 2000	Elizabeth O'Shea 510-231-9566 Elizabeth@thewatershedproject.org Http://www.spawners.net	Ongoing creek stewardship, outreach, monthly water quality monitoring, creek restoration and revegetation, native plant demonstration gardens, special events.
Contra Costa	San Pablo, Point Richmond, Richmond, El Cerrito	San Pablo Creek, Point Richmond Shoreline, Baxter Creek, Wildcat Creek	Aqua Team (Formerly Creek Keepers)	Hands-on, environmental science program for high school students. Currently working at Richmond High School but looking to expand to other schools.	Earth Team Environmental Network Jaunie Federowicz 510-704-4030 jaunie@earthteam.net Trisha Allen 510-704-4030 trisha@earthteam.net	Funded by a grant from the Rose Foundation. Working with SPAWNERS, Urban Creek Council, Natural Heritage Institute, EBRPD, and City of Richmond. Students perform community outreach, creek restoration and revegetation, water quality monitoring, shoreline clean ups, and oyster restoration.

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Contra Costa	Concord, Danville, Lafayette, Orinda, Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek	Walnut Creek Includes Bolinger Creek, Galindo Creek, Grayson Creek, Green Valley Creek, Grizzly Creek, Happy Valley Creek, Las Trampas Creek, Pine Creek, San Calanio Creek, San Ramon Creek, Sycamore Creek, and Tice Creek	Friends of the Creek		Pam Romo 925-939-8979 pmromo@sbcglobal.net www.ci.walnut-creek.ca.us/creeks/html	Annual creek cleanup, Arundo donax removal.
Contra Costa	Richmond, San Pablo	Wildcat Creek	Tilden Nature Area		Margaret Kelly 510-861-0626 tnarea@ebayparks.org www.ebparks.org/parks.tna.htm	
Contra Costa	San Pablo, Richmond	Wildcat, San Pablo and Rheem Creeks	Wildcat-San Pablo Creeks Watershed Council	County-recognized watershed partnership at all levels of govt. and NGOs	Facilitator: Tim Jensen Contra Costa Public Works Dept. 925-313-2396 TJens@pw.cccounty.us	Ongoing state grants and local and federal involvement. Urban Creeks Council is leading the Wildcat-San Pablo Creeks Watershed Action Plan Priority Projects, a collaborative, multi-objective, 4-year project to develop a community and City supported plan to reduce flood damages in the City of San Pablo while preserving the natural qualities of its creeks.